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PASS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ATT MURRAY

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SUBJ: TRAINING FOR ALGERIAN WHEAT TECHNICIANS AND ALGERIAN
WHEAT PURCHASES

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1. EMBOFF AND JOSEPH HALOW OF GREAT PLAINS WHEAT MET WITH LOUHIBI OF OAIC, OFFICE ALGERIAN INTERPROFESSIONAL DU CEREALS, IN CONNECTION WITH OUTSTANDING OFFER OF GREAT PLAINS WHEAT TO ASSIST IN TRAINING OF ALGERIANS IN U.S. LOUHIBI SAID HE WAS STILL INTERESTED IN SENDING TEN TECHNICIANS TO STUDY IN U.S. DURING 1974/75 METHODS IN MARKETING, STORING AND GENETICS. AT HALOW REQUEST LOUHIBI WILL WRITE A LETTER TO HALOW SETTING FORTH WHAT OAIC WANTS WITH A COPY TO EMBOFF.

2. LOUHIBI STATED FRANKLY HE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN LACK OF U.S. FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS PROPOSAL THAT IS NOW THREE OR FOUR YEARS OLD AND COMPLICATED PRIOR PROPOSAL FOR FOOD AID PROGRAM TO GOA THROUGH FAO. FAULT PROBABLY LIES WITH ALL
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PARTIES, BUT SIZE OF ALGERIAN HARD CURRENCY GRAIN

PURCHASES (AS LOUHIBI NOTED GOA WAS WORLDS SINGLE LARGEST PURCHASER OF DURUM) MAKES IT IN U.S. INTEREST TO EITHER FOLLOW UP ON TRAINING PROGRAM OR INFORM LOUHIBI THAT WE NO LONGER CAN MEET HIS REQUEST.

3. ESSEMIANI IS STILL GATHERING STATISTICS HE PROMISED MURRAY, REFTEL. HE DID SAY GOA HAS PURCHASED OVER TWO MILLION TONS OF WHEAT THIS CROP YEAR AND WILL BE PURCHASING OVER 100,000 TONS MORE FOR DELIVERY BEFORE NEW CROP COMES IN JUNE. TWO WEEKS OF RAIN HAVE, AT LAST FOR MOMENT, PUT MOISTURE IN GROUND AND OAIC NOW EXPECTS GOOD HARVEST. LOUHIBI WOULD GIVE NO FORECAST OF SIZE OF NEXT YEARS PURCHASES. THEY DO NOT PURCHASE AHEAD OF TIME AS THEY HAVE NOT LARGE STORAGE CAPACITY.
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